



FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 26, 1904.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.

By direction of the President, the Civil Service Commission today issued orders warning federal employees against soliciting or receiving funds for campaign purposes, and against contributing any such funds through any official of the government. In a circular letter to the members of the Cabinet, the commission calls attention to the "violations of the civil service law which have occurred in connection with political campaigns in the past" and directs them to furnish the heads of the different bureaus and divisions under them with copies of the commission's latest order, entitled "Warning against political assessments and partisan activity of office holders." The commission declares that it will prosecute any person being guilty of violating the law. The penalty is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both, in the discretion of the court. The circular of "warning" contains various extracts from the civil service laws on the questions of soliciting contributions and indulging in undue political activity. It also says: "It is the duty of the commission to see that the provisions of the law are strictly enforced, and it will employ every legitimate and available means to secure the prosecution and punishment of whoever may violate them. The commission requests any person having knowledge of any violation of the law to lay the facts before it that it may at once take action thereupon."

John W. Bailey, a negro, the first person ever sentenced to death in this jurisdiction for criminal assault, was hanged in the District jail this evening. Bailey, a garbage-wagon driver, was convicted in December last and the jury fixed the penalty at death. He had appealed to the President for clemency for a commutation to life imprisonment on the ground of insanity, but the appeal was denied. Bailey's victim, a negro girl, was only 14 years of age.

POLITICAL.

Former Senator David B. Hill opened the democratic campaign in Broome county, N. Y., yesterday in a speech at the agricultural fair at Deposit. In the course of his address Senator Hill touched upon the tariff question, saying that he believed in an honest revision of the tariff laws, so that vast corporate interests should not be subverted to the detriment of the people. Referring to the financial interests of the country the Senator said: "The gold standard has been irrevocably established, so that there is no necessity for a change. The democratic party, which established the present currency system, can safely be trusted whenever the necessity shall arise to make such changes for the best interests of the people." Speaking of the essential differences between the republican and the democratic parties the speaker said the difference is that the republican party stands for private purposes and the democratic party for public purposes. "Theodore Roosevelt," the republican candidate for the presidency," declared Mr. Hill, "is a fraud. At the time he took his oath of office in Buffalo, after the assassination of President McKinley, he declared in public that he would simply fill McKinley's place; that he would not look for re-nomination. Later on the same train with McKinley's dead body, he gave out a statement to the press to the effect that he thought he had been misunderstood by the public, which meant practically that he was a candidate for re-nomination. The republicans had him on their hands, and could do nothing but nominate him."

The campaign in Brooklyn was opened last night by a meeting held under the auspices of the Kings County Democratic Club, at which Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, was the principal speaker. Resolutions endorsing the nomination of Parker and Davis were read, and after an introductory address, in which he reviewed the political situation, Edward M. Shepard, chairman of the meeting, introduced Senator Bailey, who was greeted with prolonged applause. "It has never happened heretofore," said the Senator, "and it will seldom happen hereafter, that the personal opinions and conduct of candidates have determined, or will determine, the suffrage of so many voters as in this campaign." He would not utter one syllable about the private character or habits of the President. "We sought to nominate a candidate," he continued, "who in his private and domestic life is as much like Roosevelt, and who in all other respects was as much unlike him, as we could find."

Fatal Accident to a Boy.

Leaning against one of the iron supports of the Ferris wheel at the Mardi Gras and Fall Festival, on the circus grounds, Fifteenth and H Streets north-east, Washington, last evening, Robert Skidmore, ten years old, was almost instantly killed by a shock of electricity just as the lights were turned on. Policeman Livingston, of the Ninth precinct, was standing only a few feet from the boy, and when he saw the little fellow struggling and flashes of fire coming from his body, he grabbed him and pulled him away. For a moment the boy seemed all right; then he suddenly weakened, and would have fallen but for the policeman's steady arm. A call was sent for the patrol wagon, but Skidmore died on the way to the Casualty Hospital. On account of the peculiar fact that only 120 volts were said to have been carried on the wire which supplied the wheel with power and light, scarcely enough, electricians say, to have killed a babe, the coroner determined to have an autopsy performed on the body this morning to determine the exact cause of death. Some of the insulation must have worn off the wires around the wheel and thus allowed the current to escape into the big iron frame.

Rathbone Sisters Recognized.

The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, which has been in session since the closing of the biennial held in Louisville, Ky., last week, on Wednesday decided officially to recognize the Rathbone Sisters, a woman's auxiliary organization. John H. Alexander, of Leesburg, Va., and Tully Scott, of Cripple Creek, Colo., were reappointed for a term of six years on the supreme tribunal, the appellate body of the order. The lodge then adjourned sine die.

The Races.

Highland Park, Detroit, Aug. 26.—Athlone, 6 to 1; win; Illuminate, even; second; Mingo, 20 to 1, third.

Hawthorne, Chicago, Aug. 26.—Col. Rupert, 10 to 1, won; West Brookfield, 20 to 1, second; Mart Gentry, 4 to 1, third.

News of the Day.

Silver ingots valued at \$300,000 to \$400,000 are said to have been recovered recently by raising the wreck of the Spanish galleon Santa Cruz in Vigo bay, Spain. This is one of the treasure ships sunk in that harbor in 1702.

William Weightman, a member of the firm of Powers & Weightman, manufacturing chemists, died yesterday at his home in Philadelphia. He was 91 years old. Mr. Weightman was the wealthiest man in Philadelphia and one of the largest individual owners of real estate in the United States.

After three attempts on the part of his lawyer to have the indictment against him dismissed, Philip Weinseimer, president of the Building Trades Alliance, yesterday in New York pleaded not guilty to the charge of extorting \$2,700 from a boss plumber. Weinseimer then was released, his bail of \$2000 being continued.

By the explosion of some dynamite caps and in the panic that followed it, three persons were injured yesterday afternoon at the Hawthorn race track, Chicago. It is supposed that the caps were thrown on the floor of the betting ring with the idea of creating a panic, during which the cash boxes of the bookmakers might be robbed. An attempt was made to rob one bookmaker, but it failed. None of the injured is seriously hurt.

Fate Shealey, a 14-year-old white boy, was found yesterday morning near the old Taylor place, just south of Columbia, S. C., with his head horribly crushed and his mouth split back to the ears. The boy and two men had been living in a camp near the river, earning their living by fishing. Yesterday morning the two men went out to set their lines, and on returning found the boy's dead body. Robbery is thought to have been the cause. A valuable gun left at the camp is missing.

A dispatch from Manila says a detail of native police has been ambushed on the Island of Leyte by a superior force of bandits. Capt. H. Barrett, of the constabulary, was killed in the fighting. There has been trouble in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, where bandits have looted several towns. The native authorities were defied and Pablo Mercado and his family were kidnapped. Mercado was accused of being too friendly with the Americans. Four Chinese stores were burned. Four natives were murdered, three of them being burned alive.

Posing as a second lieutenant in the United States army, Gerhard M. von Pragen, who signs himself count and who is really a private in Company G, Eight United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, conducted a brief but successful social campaign at Brighton Beach. Yesterday he was arraigned before Magistrate Voorhies in the Coney Island Police Court, charged with having in his possession wrongfully taken government paper, and a New Rochelle society girl is said to be sorrowing at the revelation concerning the titled German who won her heart.

DISMANTLEMENT ORDERED.

Advices from Shanghai say that the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi have gone out of commission, but the work of repairing them is being continued. There was no formal ceremony when the vessels went out of commission. Their flags were not raised yesterday. A simple announcement was made by the commanders of the two warships that the vessels would remain in port until the war is over. The work of dismantling them began today. The Askold has been authorized to remain in dock until September 11 in order to complete her repairs. The crews of the two vessels, with the exception of the necessary guards, will be paroled and allowed to return to Russia.

The Shanghai newspapers unanimously regard the outcome of the recent situation as due in no small measure to the diplomacy and tact of John Goodnow, the American consul general at Shanghai. Wednesday was a day of considerable anxiety in official circles. First an order went forth that the vessels could remain four days longer. Then negotiations were begun for another four days. This request was eagerly and persistently pressed by the Russian Minister at Peking, but it was absolutely refused by the Chinese government. Thereupon, an order came to Shanghai to rush work on the vessels and go out to what seemed certain death next Sunday. The subject distress of the Askold's crew when this news was received was pitiable. From the first the officers and crew have urged disarmament, but the Minister at Peking would not consider the suggestion. The dock managers on Wednesday notified the Russian officials that the Askold's hull could not be repaired by Sunday. More telegraphing to Peking followed, and Wednesday night the welcome order to dismantle was received by the Russian admiral.

Killed by Tornado.

Four persons lost their lives and several others were injured in a tornado which swept through Chautauque county, N. Y., yesterday. Parkhurst's Grove, where the Stockton town picnic was being held, was directly in the path of the storm. Five thousand people were on the grounds when a terrible windstorm swept through the place. The storm came up suddenly. Trees in the grove were struck by lightning, many of them were blown down and the rain fell in torrents. The people who took refuge under the trees, at the first sight of the storm, were caught by the falling branches and injured. Many horses were killed in the same manner. Some of the animals stampeded, trampling upon the injured people lying upon the ground. Some of the buildings in the vicinity were blown down and others were unroofed. Hundreds of forest and fruit trees were torn up, and corn and oat fields were laid waste, entailing a loss of thousands of dollars.

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Virginia News.

Mr. Albert Smith, of Fauquier county, has accepted the presidency of Gordon Institute, of Barnesville, Ga.

The Virginia State Board of Trade met in Norfolk yesterday with about 50 representatives from the cities of the State.

Dr. Oscar Wiley, one of the foremost physicians and surgeons in Virginia, died, at his home, at Salem, yesterday of heart disease aged 75 years.

Sunday next a big convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held in Roanoke. Delegates will be present from Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Alexandria and other points.

While Senator Martin was in Warren on Wednesday night he was serenaded and called upon to make a speech. Judge White Mr. M. N. Green and Mr. A. A. Lipscomb also spoke. Many ladies were in the serenading party and paid their respects to the senator.

It is the intention of tobacco growers in Buckingham county to practically cease cultivating the weed for market and to raise only enough for personal use. This is due to the decrease in the price of tobacco. Buckingham has been a section famous for the quantities of tobacco raised.

At an early hour yesterday morning Mrs. S. B. Lubman, who resides on Sycamore street, Petersburg, was awakened by someone having hold of her hand. The person proved to be a negro boy, who had gotten into the house and in the act of stealing a very costly diamond ring from her finger.

John B. Titus, one of the most prominent of the young men of Loudoun county, son of the late John Titus, died on Wednesday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hannah Titus, in Leesburg at the age of 28 years. The immediate cause was typhoid fever. Mr. Titus was assistant cashier of the People's National Bank and recorder of the Common Council of Leesburg.

Claim Agent G. W. C. Black and Attorney Scott, of Washington, have been in King George county recently taking depositions in the case of the Methodists against the United States government to recover pay for a church destroyed by federal soldiers during the civil war. Old Fletcher's chapel, in the upper end of the county, was used as a hospital by the federals, and, owing to smallpox, they burned the building when they left.

Capt. John N. Opie, of Staunton, has published a letter in reply to that of the democratic committee of the Tenth district, claiming that he was fully justified in declaring his candidacy independently of the party. He charges that Button and Allen, who, acting with a proxy, declared Flood the nominee, were the partisan friends of Flood and purposely acted in a way not to give him an opportunity to qualify himself under the primary plan. He declares that he received of the committee a copy of the rules, and received a reply that they had not been written.

Must Not Interfere with Neutral Shipping.

A dispatch from London says Prime Minister Balfour announced yesterday evening that the British government had ordered two cruisers— from the squadron at the Cape of Good Hope, without delay, to locate the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and Petersburg, and to convey to them the orders of the Russian government that they must not further interfere with neutral shipping. The premier stated that this action was taken at the request of the Russian government. This extraordinary statement was made when the premier by appointment received a deputation of the London Chamber of Commerce. The deputation was appointed at a meeting held earlier in the day by the China and East India section of the chamber, which was attended by representative shipowners and others interested in trade in the far East, and at which the following resolution was passed: "This meeting of members of the London Chamber of Commerce concerned in trade with the far East views with grave apprehension the continued uncertainty of the position of British trade and shipping in regard to what constitutes contraband of war as interpreted by the Russian government. The meeting trusts that His Majesty's government will take such immediate and effective steps as will afford all reasonable protection to British shipping and inure to it the same degree of immunity from vexatious stoppages and examinations as is apparently enjoyed by shipping of other nationalities."

The War in the East.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the latest information from the front shows that the Japanese in the assaults on Port Arthur, August 21 and 22, were again repulsed with heavy losses. Despite the assertion made in Tokio, that all the attacks so far on the fortress have been merely preliminary to a general assault the belief grows here that the tenacity of the repeated attacks and the defeats must be gradually dissipating the energy of the besiegers, and that the Japanese may find, after all, that "they have broken their teeth on the stones of Port Arthur." Nothing can be ascertained in St. Petersburg regarding the reports from Tokio of the sinking of two Russian torpedo-boat destroyers at Port Arthur. The fact that the Port Arthur squadron is already so crippled and scattered has greatly reduced its importance as a tactical factor in the eyes of the Russian authorities. Accounts of the misfortune to the battleship Sevastopol and of the sinking of the cruiser Novik are allowed to be extensively printed, and it appears that the balance of sea power in the East is thoroughly upset pending the arrival of the Baltic squadron in oriental waters.

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Today's Telegraphic News

The War in the East.

Chefoo, Aug. 26.—Advices received here state that in the fighting which is proceeding between the Russian and Japanese forces southeast of Liao Yang, the whole Russian front from the Taits river southward is engaged.

Tokio, Aug. 26.—A formal notification has been sent by Japan to the Chinese government that China will not accede to the demand of China for the return of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rishietely. The Rishietely was seized by Japanese destroyers in the harbor of Chefoo on Aug. 12 last.

London, Aug. 26.—The correspondent of the Central News at St. Petersburg telegraphs that a dispatch has been received in the Russian capital from Mukden, reporting severe fighting at Port Arthur on August 19 and 20, in which the Japanese lost heavily. It is alleged that the Japanese behind the Liao Che valley are organizing Chunchuons who are being furnished with excellent weapons.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The special correspondent of the Temps, at Liao-Yang, telegraphs an interview which he had with an American military attaché who has just come from Port Arthur. The attaché said that he left Port Arthur on August 14 when the Japanese were seven versts away from the port. He says that Russians have positions on steep hills seven hundred feet high, protected with trenches, mines and cannons and are practically impregnable by assault. Provisions are abundant, the attaché declares. Continuing, the American attaché said the Japanese losses were the greatest, fully ten times more than the Russian, and that the town is able to resist the assaults of the Japanese longer than is generally believed.

Jeffries and Monroe.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—Jim Jeffries and Jack Munroe will fight tonight in Mechanics Pavilion for the heavy weight championship of the world, and the spectators expect to witness a fight that will be full of ponderous and damaging punches with one of the two giants knocked stiff for the full count. As a result of his hard work Jeffries has stripped the vagrant flesh off his gigantic frame, and has brought his speed and strength up to the proper notch, but he takes on flesh with alarming rapidity, and finds each spell of training harder than the predecessor. Physically his condition could not be improved. Munroe has tremendous strength and unlimited gameness. He is only fairly speedy, and is none too well scioned. He must rely upon his enormous strength and ability to assimilate punishment. It should not be understood, however, that Munroe is the raw fighter that he was when he invaded the East after his memorable set to with Jeffries. He has improved greatly since then. The Munroe men are saying that if the mill goes beyond ten rounds there will be a new champion tonight. The challenger and his advisers figure that the longer the battle lasts the better the Montana man's chances will be, and to all intents and purposes Munroe will fight it out along that line. Munroe will enter the ring weighing about 205 pounds; Jeffries, while not giving out the figures, will be about 20 pounds heavier than his opponent. The prize that the men will contend for is 65 per cent of the gross receipts, split 60 and 40. The betting is still 10 to 4 in favor of Jeffries. The most popular form of wager is even that Jeffries will win in ten rounds. The men are scheduled to enter the ring at 9 o'clock sharp, and by 10:30 o'clock the battle will be ended.

Destruction by Tornado.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Latest dispatches from Chautauque county disclose that a wide swath of destruction was cut by the tornado which passed through there yesterday afternoon. About 5,000 persons were gathered at the annual town picnic in Parkhurst's Grove, about eight miles south of Stockton, when the darkening of the sky warned the multitude of the approach of the storm. Full upon this assemblage, closely packed together under the trees, fell the fury of the tornado. The van guard was a sky black as death. The wind followed by an ominous lull, in which the frightened cries of little children huddled about their mothers' skirts were all that could be heard. Then came a moaning sound and the tornado struck the grounds with a fury that made the strongest trees bend. There was a louder crash, and then a giant fell upon the crowd gathered beneath its shelter. The tree fell full upon the crowd, and from beneath it were dragged the killed and injured. Amid the whistling of the receding storm, and the sobbing of bereaved ones, a clergyman lifted up his hands and said: "Let us pray." The full extent of the casualties in the grove full of panic stricken people, will not be learned for some time owing to the scattering when the storm was over. Rumors are abroad of several who were knocked down and trampled upon by maddened run away horses, and of others thrown from their carriages and hurled against trees, in other runaways. Three horses were killed by trees falling upon them.

Disgraced Woman Kills Herself.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Emma Kent, aged 40 years, committed suicide early today by drinking carbolic acid at her residence on Myovone avenue. Two weeks ago her two grown sons, returning home at 4 a. m., discovered a policeman in her bedroom. They hurried and told their father, who is employed during the night. Kent went home at once and accused his wife of infidelity. On the way he met and pursued the policeman, but the latter ran away. Mrs. Kent denied her guilt and succeeded in satisfying her husband. The sons, however, demanded that the man be brought before the Police Board of Inquiry. At 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Kent left her husband's bed, drank the poison, and, returning, lay down beside him. Kent was aroused by her writhing and moans and sent her to the hospital, but the doctors could not save her.

The New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 26, 10 a. m.—The stock market opened strong. Metropolitan securities sold off 3-8 and a few of the international list lost 1-8, but against this were gains of 3-8 in some other stocks.

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Life Guard Drowned.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 26.—Al Davis, one of the oldest life guards on the beach here, was drowned shortly before 11 o'clock, this morning. Davis had gone out to rescue an unknown bather off the foot of Virginia avenue. He succeeded, after a struggle, and the bather was taken into a boat in which other life guards had arrived in the meantime. Davis was in no distress and did not get into the boat but started to swim ashore with the life line. There was the usual great throng of bathers along the beach and a crowd seized hold of the shore end of the line and began to run along the sand with the idea of pulling the man out of the ocean. Their intentions were good but it was by reason of their action that Davis was drowned. He was dragged under the water and, seemingly, was unable to release himself from the rope which was twisted about his arm. When drawn ashore he was breathing his last and although over an hour was spent in heroic efforts at resuscitation he never regained consciousness.

Killed by an Explosion.

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 26.—By the explosion of a number of sticks of dynamite in a tunnel being driven from the slope level on the third lift to connect with the shaft at Pine Hill colliery, last night, three Austrians and one Tyrolean lost their lives. The origin of the explosion is unknown. Its force brought down the timbering and brattices, but there was little or no fall of coal and others debris. The smoke from the explosives smothered the men, who were not reached for five hours after the accident, the bodies being removed at 2 o'clock this morning. The force of the explosion was such as to blow the clothing entirely off one of the men.

Fire at the Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 26.—A fire that threatened serious results broke out in the north wing of the new cadet quarters of the Naval Academy Thursday evening. All the midshipmen of the fourth class reported when the whistle of the Siren gave the alarm, and in a few minutes after the fire was discovered two streams of water were playing on the flames. The fire started in the court yard of the north wing, a pot of tar becoming ignited in some way. The flames caught to the scaffolding on the surrounding walls. The fire was subdued before any great damage was done to the building proper.

Fire in Antwerp.

Antwerp, Aug. 26.—A serious fire which started from the explosion of a tank filled with oil and belonging to the American Petroleum Company, is raging at Hoboken. Immediately after the explosion flames burst from the flowing oil and were carried around the tanks of the Standard Oil Company, which also caught on fire. A large force of firemen was soon on the scene, but all efforts to check the fire were in vain. Seven workmen perished in the flames and several persons were injured. Only two of forty petroleum tanks escaped the flames. Antwerp is entirely darkened by the cloud of dense smoke. The loss will be heavy.

Divorced in 12 Minutes.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The quickest divorce ever granted in Cook county was recorded yesterday, when Mrs. Mary T. Fetzer secured a divorce from her husband, John C. Fetzer, managing receiver for the Union Traction Company, member of the school board and financier. At 10 o'clock Mrs. Fetzer, through her attorneys, filed a bill for divorce. Desertion was the sole charge. At 10:40 Judge Brentano called the case. At 10:52 Mrs. Fetzer walked out of the court with a divorce decree and richer by \$35,000. The actual divorce proceedings occupied but 12 minutes.

Inroads into British Commerce.

Birmingham, England, Aug. 26.—The Post, today, says that arrangements have been completed in Hamburg by the leading German companies to double their steamship service to Japan ports, also to cut rates against British lines, when the latter will again despatch vessels to the far East. The Peninsular and Oriental line and the other lines in the far East trade withdrew their vessels a short time ago, pending the settlement of the question as to what constituted contraband goods.

Pillaged the Monastery.

Madrid, Aug. 26.—A band of Catalan brigands attacked the famous monastery at Mont Serrat, and after binding the monks they pillaged the monastery and escaped with a large quantity of rich booty. As soon as possible the alarm was given and a posse of gendarmes started in pursuit of the brigands. They finally caught up with them and a fierce combat ensued in which seven of the brigands were killed. The others fled.

Count Cassini Asks Recall.

Manchester, Eng., Aug. 26.—The Guardian today says that a report is gaining ground in London that the Russian ambassador to the United States, Count Cassini, has asked to be recalled from Washington. The reason given is the difficult relations existing between the count and the officials of the American government.

A Tragedy of Love.

A tragedy of love explains the action of Carrie Ehrleiter, a pretty 18-year-old girl, daughter of Goodardt Ehrleiter, of New York, who is dying in St. Catherine's Hospital from having taken bichloride of mercury. Ever since they were children she and Daniel Reich have been playmates and sweethearts. Young Reich is 21, and four years ago, before he went to sea, they had decided to marry. They kept up the correspondence and the wedding was to have taken place during the first week in September. A short time ago Reich came home and some neighborhood gossip of the girl's flirtations with other young men reached his ears. Wednesday night he called on Miss Ehrleiter and she spoke of their wedding so soon to take place. He told her that the ceremony would be indefinitely postponed, and taxed her with flirtations during his absence. She denied it, but he insisted and left the house. Early yesterday Mrs. Ehrleiter heard her daughter in the kitchen, and in response to a query the girl answered that she had gone to the window to get a little fresh air. Shortly afterward Mrs. Ehrleiter was again awakened by groans and found her daughter wearing her wedding dress and suffering great agony. She had swallowed four tablets of bichloride of mercury, which she had been for some time using as a wash for an injured finger.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The court of inquiry into the Statesboro, Ga., lynching was convened at Savannah this morning.

Prof. Charles W. Shields, of Princeton College, died this morning at Newport, R. I. He was a noted theologian and was born in 1825.

A dispatch from Worcester, Mass., says Senator Hoar had a quiet night. He is comfortable this morning and took nourishment but has yet to show any gain in strength.

James R. Keene was the largest winner of purses at the Saratoga meeting just closed. His horses won \$70,000. Delhi was the greatest share and Synsonby, the remainder. H. B. Duryea, who leased Whitney's horses, won \$54,000 with Tanya.

The heavy artillery fire in the republican national campaign was opened at Montpelier, Vt., today in a carefully prepared speech by Mr. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, in which he devoted considerable time to answering various criticisms of President Roosevelt's personality and conduct.

A woman registering as Mrs. Dieler, of Philadelphia, committed suicide at the Tenth Street Hotel, Pittsburg, Wednesday night. She was about 65 years old and very well dressed. When she did not appear yesterday an investigation was made. She had hung herself with straps of the bed tick to the bed post.

Two farmers yesterday found Peter Fernandez, a Swede, lying in the woods near Oakland, Md., with his throat cut from ear to ear. The man was still conscious. He stated that he had been assaulted and robbed by two highwaymen and had been lying in the woods two days. He will die. Two Italians reported to the police this morning that they had been held up during the night and robbed by five white men.

FOREIGN NEWS.

It is reported at Tokio that a French steamer from Port Arthur has been captured by a Japanese war ship and has been taken to Sasebo.

The Russian Navigation Company's steamers Yenoma and Meteor, each laden with coal and fresh water, passed through the Bosphorus this morning on their way to join the Russian Baltic squadron.

Capt. Trifunatz, one of the participants in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga on June 11, 1903, was shot by an orderly at Belgrade today because, it is alleged, of his barbarous treatment.

Hermann He'ler, who for five years had been the correspondent in Berlin of the Publishers' Press Association and the Scripps-McLae Press Association until his health broke down, died yesterday. The cause of death was angina.

The officials of the Marseilles dock laborers union, the members of which are out on strike, threaten that if the demands of the men are not granted by the ship owners within eighteen hours, the strike will be extended to every port in France.

Tailor Shoots Wife.

As a result of a family quarrel, the exact details of which are not known, Rosie Dvoritzky, the young wife of a Russian tailor, was shot down by her husband in front of her home in New York yesterday, and is now lying in the Gouverneur Hospital. Dvoritzky at once took to his heels, revolver in hand, pursued by a shouting crowd. At the corner of Madison and Pike streets, Max Lipken, a drug clerk, sprang out of a drug store and seized the fugitive, and in an instant the crowd was upon the two men, who were struggling on the sidewalk. Captain Shaw, of the Madison street police station, two detectives and a policeman rushed up at this moment and took Dvoritzky to the police station. In the meantime the wounded woman had been left lying on the sidewalk, where her helpless condition was noticed and she was picked up and carried to the police station, from which she was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Annie Cohen, a sister of the victim, said later that Dvoritzky had been trying to force his wife to go out and earn her living, and that she had steadily refused. The quarrel reached such a climax Wednesday night, Mrs. Cohen declared, that her sister had packed up her belongings and had gone to the Cohen home to spend the night. Yesterday morning, Mrs. Cohen added, her sister was afraid to return to her home alone, and so she and her husband had volunteered to go with her. When the three reached 110 Madison street they found the tailor standing on the pavement, and he fired at his wife almost immediately.

Girl's Thrilling Experience.

Seriously injured by a fall, after hanging on for her life beneath a trestle while an express train thundered overhead, Miss Rhoda Pyles, of Washington, is in a critical condition. The accident happened several days ago, near Delaplane, where Miss Pyles and her sister, Miss Ethel Pyles, were on a visit. The girls were on the way to the postoffice at Delaplane and they tried to make a short cut by walking across a trestle. In the middle of the structure, and too far away to escape by running on the ties, they heard an express train approaching. Miss Ethel clung to the ends of the sills and escaped injury. Miss Rhoda let herself down between two timbers and hung in midair while the train passed overhead. The shaking of the structure and fright exhausted her strength, and although she hung on till the train passed, she could not draw herself up to safety again. Before Miss Ethel could grasp her hands, Rhoda fell, landing on the rocks in the creek twenty-five feet below. Several bones were broken and she was injured internally. She was carried to the Gold farm, where she had been visiting, and a few days ago was brought home.

DIED.

At her home, 820 King street, August 26, 1904, at 8 o'clock a. m., M. E. MURRAY, 84.8, wife of John T. Murray and daughter of the late William Murray, in the 53d year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, 820 King street, tomorrow (Saturday) at 4:30 p. m. Please omit flowers.—(Fredericksburg papers copy.)

BRIEET, the daughter of James Deherty, of Alexandria, died in Washington, D. C., at the St. Vincent's Asylum, on Friday morning, August 26th, aged 12 years. Her remains will be buried tomorrow.

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